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Lebanon

Al-Jumayyil Tour -- President Amin al-Jumayyil arrived in Rome where he was received by Pope John Paul II and subsequently met with Italian President Alessandro Pertini, Beirut radio reported. The official Lebanese-Italian talks focused on what Italy can contribute to guaranteeing the withdrawal of the Israeli, Syrian and Palestinian forces.

The Command Council of the Independent Nasirite Movement-Al-Murabitun issued a statement over the clandestine Voice of Arab Lebanon radio praising the "positive elements" in Al-Jumayyil's tour and in the views he expressed at the United Nations.

Syrians, Al-Wazzan on Military Situation, Withdrawal -- Citing reports from Beirut, Damascus radio warned that Israel is preparing for new offensive operations against the Syrian and Palestinian forces in Lebanon. The Israelis have recently introduced missile batteries, air defense equipment and radar stations into Lebanon, the radio said.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Shafiq al-Wazzan said in an interview reported by Beirut radio that Lebanon's attempt to strengthen its army in order to control the entire country provides Israel with a fundamental guarantee of security. However, since the Israelis have invaded the country many times, Lebanon demands guarantees against "every danger" coming from Israel, he added.

Israel

Speaking to reporters following a more than 1-hour briefing by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz in Washington, Foreign Minister Yitzhaq Shamir said that there are "several problems" in Lebanon's position but that these may be solved by "direct talks," according to IDF radio. Shamir claimed that there are no "insurmountable obstacles" and agreed to continue close contacts to reach a solution to the Lebanese problems.

Arab-U.S. Relations

The Jordanian daily AR-RA'Y said the United States is "unjustified" in deciding not to receive a PLO representative during the upcoming visit to Washington of the seven-member Arab committee, Amman radio reported. The paper criticized "simplistic" U.S. policy and stressed that the PLO must be a participant in a final solution. PLO Deputy Military Commander Khalil al-Wazir said in remarks reported by the Amman paper JERUSALEM STAR that President Ronald Reagan's peace proposals contradict all the basic elements of the Fes summit resolutions and that the Arab delegation in Washington will find itself in confrontation with U.S. "blindness" to Palestinian rights. Meanwhile, the Cairo paper AL-AKHBAR expressed support for the Arab delegation's visit, MENA reported.

PLO

PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat confirmed in a statement reported by the London daily ASH-SHARQ AL-AWSAT that he is likely to visit Egypt. The PLO leader also revealed that his recent talks with Jordanian King Husayn dealt with the future steps to be taken after the establishment of an independent Palestinian state and "nothing else."

Iran-Iraq War

New Mediation Proposals -- Islamic Conference Organization Secretary General Habib Chatti announced in a press statement reported by SPA that the Islamic Good Offices Committee to end the Iran-Iraq war will add some new proposals to its old plan in order to make its proposals compatible with the wishes of both sides and thereby facilitate negotiations aimed at the establishment of a lasting peace.

Military Activity -- IRNA reported that Iranian forces killed or wounded 40 Iraqi soldiers and halted all Iraqi troop movement on the southern fronts. An Iraqi communique broadcast by Baghdad radio stated that Iraqi naval forces destroyed two Iranian ships at Bandar Khomeyni.

Iran

The commander of the headquarters established to fight "counterrevolutionaries" in the Kurdish regions of Iran told Tehran radio that the security forces are fighting insurgents on all axes and that a forest in which the rebels received supplies has been freed of "counterrevolutionary control." A communique issued by the command headquarters and carried by the radio announced that several villages have been captured by security forces and over 90 counterrevolutionaries had been killed.

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KARMAL PAYS VISIT TO HERAT PROVINCE 21 OCT

LD211538 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1430 GMT 21 Oct 82

[Text] Today Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and president of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan Revolutionary Council, met the noble people of the historic city of Herat -- workers, peasants, tradesmen, members of party and social organizations and other toilers of the country as well as officers and men of the Herat 11th Division -- and spoke with them in a friendly atmosphere.

This morning Babrak Karmal arrived in Herat accompanied by Dr Najib, member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo; Maj Gen Abdol Qader, minister of national defense; Sayyed Mohammad Golabzoy, minister of the interior; and a number of members of the PDPA Central Committee.

At Herat Airport he was welcomed by a number of party members, some members of the Revolutionary Council, a delegation from the NFF [National Fatherland Front], the head and members of the Islamic Affairs Department, members of the provincial council, members of the Democratic Youth Organization of Afghanistan and the Democratic Women's Organization of Afghanistan, the chairman of the trade unions, school pupils and citizens of Herat.

Reports on his arrival will be broadcast tonight at 2000 and 2030.

Addresses Citizens

LD212050 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 21 Oct 82

[Passages within quotation marks are recorded]

[Text] Babrak Karmal has visited Herat city hall where he was welcomed by Herat citizens consisting of representatives of the workers, peasants, members of the social and party organizations, government department personnel, teachers, pupils and other toilers.

Addressing the gathering, Babrak Karmal said:

"I want to say explicitly and with responsibility that the party and government carry out every possible action so that the life of every citizen of Afghanistan improves daily. And if we have not here in Herat or in another region of our country yet fully achieved this objective, the fault primarily should be borne by the enemies of the revolution, the enemies of the people and of our homeland, Afghanistan. The people who have opposed our humane policy are those who in the past grew accustomed to oppressing and crushing the people and to living off the severe and inhumane exploitation of Afghan toilers."

Babrak Karmal added in another part of his speech:

"The enemies strive to halt our progress by any means. We definitely know that their days have come to an end. [applause]

"Of course, the struggle is still continuing, and we will intensify our blows against the armed counterrevolutionaries and mercenary bands of imperialism. However, at this very moment the duties of improving the national economy, productive forces, raising agricultural and industrial production and increasing the commodities needed by the people lie clearly and completely before us. These are the foundations without which an improvement in the life of the people and the successful accomplishment of the duties of the national and democratic revolution are impossible. And I must be candid and say that the disinterested and generous assistance of the fraternal USSR, our reliable friend, plays a valuable and unprecedented role in the removal of the present economic difficulties."

Babrak Karmal said in another part of his speech:

"We must help our noble human beings of our homeland to realize that the true owners of the country are the people [applause] -- the genuine owners of the country and homeland -- and that all the country's resources no longer belong to the feudals, upper classes, the ruling oppressive and exploiting classes. [applause] That is, it is required that every toiler must realize his responsibility to [word indistinct] that occurs and give every assistance to his national government. The committees and party organizations are obliged to guide all these tasks."

Babrak Karmal added as he explained the DRA foreign policy: "By the implementation of our foreign policy we have undeniably proven that the DRA is a peace-loving, progressive and nonaligned country. We have adopted a position in the international arena and in the Nonaligned Movement against the threat of nuclear and conventional war. We have denounced aggressive actions and have supported the peaceful initiatives of the Soviet Union in the sphere of foreign policy which are directed at preventing clashes leading to world or regional war."

Meets With Infantry Division

LD220338 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1530 GMT 21 Oct 82

[Passages within quotation marks recorded]

[Text] Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and president of the DRA Revolutionary Council, participated in a meeting of the officers, men and personnel of the Herat 17th Infantry Division. Babrak Karmal was warmly welcomed at this meeting. Babrak Karmal distributed badges and honorary service medals to a number of the officers and men of the Herat 17th Division.

In a speech he delivered at the meeting Babrak Karmal said:

"Allow me to speak on behalf of the PDPA Central Committee, the DRA Government and myself. I would like to convey to you -- troops, NCO's and brave officers of the homeland, courageous patriots of the 17th Infantry Division -- with full satisfaction, warm and revolutionary greetings.

"You have fought as other proud personnel of our young democratic republic's army, in an active and heroic manner against the counterrevolutionary bands. You have fulfilled, are fulfilling and will fulfill your glorious and proud part in the task of crushing the enemies of your national government.

"Most of the officers, NCO's and men who are present in this hall have received badges and state medals for bravery, manhood and devotion, which you have displayed in the bloody battles against the counterrevolutionary bands. Many of you have been promoted to higher military ranks. These promotions are a result of the faithfulness and honesty of our army personnel to the homeland and to the just cause of the glorious April Revolution and the great aspirations of the PDPA."

Babrak Karmal highly praised the struggles and heroism of the country's armed forces in crushing the counterrevolutionary bands. In reference to the political and propaganda work of the army personnel, he said:

"The political awareness of the officers and heroic and militant NCO's, their honesty to the homeland, people and party, their faithfulness to the military service and aspirations of the April Revolution, as well as to the unity of the army, have increased and will increase our energy and strength. Therefore, it is the duty of the commanders, political workers, and party organizations to organize broader work in a systematic and orderly manner, for further enhancing the level of awareness of the troops.

"The important duties for the improvement and perfection of the combatant capability of the units, raise serious demands for the acquisition of general knowledge by the personnel of the armed forces. The army should be transformed not only to a school of political maturity, but to a school to eradicate illiteracy in all the troops."

The BAKHTAR correspondent reports that the commander of the division, one officer and one soldier delivered welcoming speeches at the glorious meeting of 17th Division. They pledged that the officers and personnel of the division, in addition to the crucial and heavy duties assigned to them by the PDPA, are striving and will endeavour resolutely to safeguard the territorial integrity, independence and national sovereignty of the DRA and to safeguard the gains of the April Revolution.

They also pledged to accomplish their duties and not to turn back on the path which they have chosen until the elimination of the last remnants of the counterrevolutionary bands.

At the end of this meeting the message of 17th Division personnel, addressed to the PDPA Central Committee, was read as follows:

"The personnel of the 17th Infantry Division highly value the arrival and visit of dear Comrade Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and president of the DRA Revolutionary Council. We are sure that on the basis of PDPA Central Committee supervision, in particular, Babrak Karmal [words indistinct] the personnel of the 17th Division are honored. Comrade Babrak Karmal expressed his sincere feelings and [words indistinct] by his learned and comprehensive speech, he once again drew our attention to the crucial and historic duties.

"We, the personnel of the 17th Infantry Division, give the PDPA Central Committee, and you, dear Comrade Babrak Karmal, our assurance that in the defense of the gains of the April Revolution -- in particular its new development stage -- and in the struggle against the counterrevolutionaries, we will not spare any sacrifice and devotion. We will implement the resolutions of the PDPA national conference, the resolutions of the PDPA Central Committee plenums and the valuable instructions of dear Comrade Babrak Karmal as stated in his speech today. We will struggle and work with devotion and faith for the prosperity of our toiling people and for the flourishing of our beloved homeland -- revolutionary Afghanistan."

Babrak Karmal and his entourage returned this evening to Kabul.

KARMAL ADDRESS AT 17 OCT COUNCIL SESSION

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[Speech by Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and president of the DRA Revolutionary Council, at 17 October meeting of sarandoy party activists at the Revolutionary Council headquarters in Kabul -- recorded]

[Excerpts] Esteemed comrades: I have accepted with pleasure the invitation to speak to you -- learned members of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, commanders of the provincial sarandoy, units and companies of sarandoy. [applause]

A characteristic of our new sarandoy is this: that the organs of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, as part of the organization of the country's armed forces, have the crucial and important duty of satisfactory defense of the democratic regime in the undeclared war of internal and external reaction against the DRA and against the people's sovereignty. At present, the duty of taking part in combatant operations to eliminate and crush the bandits is of prime importance.

A very important fact is that the sarandoy's activity today is led by the PDPA. The party's constant leadership of the sarandoy is a source of energy and is the guarantor of its victories.

The PDPA, its Central Committee and the DRA Government pay constant and particular attention to improving, strengthening and consolidating the sarandoy, enhancing its combat capability and its political and combat maturity.

The party's Central Committee recently approved resolutions on further party and political work, and on improving all activities of the organs of the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

Comrade Golabzoy, member of the Central Committee and minister of internal affairs, will speak in detail about the Central Committee Secretariat resolution dated 25 September 1982.

The party and the government today take all necessary measures to equip our sarandoy with the most modern light weapons, ammunition, armor, transportation units and other war equipment.

The material needs of the troops, NCO's and officers, as well as their rest time, have been noticeably improved. This was made possible by the fraternal, distinterested and internationalist assistance of the USSR.

As a result of the measures taken by the party and government to consolidate and strengthen the sarandoy [words indistinct] the number of sarandoy personnel has been noticeably increased. Party ranks in the sarandoy have also been strengthened. [Words indistinct] in all operational units and companies of the provinces, the party and democratic youth organizations have been created and are functioning. More than two-thirds of the composition of these organizations are made up by troops and volunteers. Comrades, these forces are formidably reliable!

The sarandoy's combat capability has been noticeably strengthened and its role in the struggle against the armed bands has been increased. Sarandoy units and companies have played an active role in combat operations in Panjsher, Qandahar, Ghazni, Parvan and the northern provinces, where crushing blows have been inflicted on the rebels and noticeable damage done to the counterrevolutionary forces.

However, comrades, we must be clearly and explicitly aware that this is not sufficient. Internal counterrevolutionaries, with the continuous financial and military backing of imperialism, are still striving to maintain a turbulent situation in the country and to continue their long-lasting efforts to destroy the economy and create difficulties in supplying the people with foodstuffs, peaceful work and commerce. They still influence a large proportion of the country's inhabitants through deception and misuse of the religious feelings of our Muslim compatriots. Our people can no longer tolerate the oppression, cruelty and obstinacy of the bandits. They ask for a peaceful life and the speedy crushing of the counterrevolutionary bands.

To secure a peaceful and calm life, to crush the counterrevolution in the vitally important regions of the country, and confident defense of the revolution, are the most important and most [word indistinct] of our duties. We believe that in the future also the sarandoy must increase and enhance their combat capability, their worthiness and their role in crushing the counterrevolution. [applause]

All possibilities exist in the sarandoy to carry out this task. At the first indication the Ministry of Internal Affairs must remove the defects and shortcomings which reduce the productivity of sarandoy work. The class struggle is being continued in the country but a portion of the troops, satanmans [lower bank of sarandoy officers] and officers, do not perceive its acuteness and severity. The Ministry of Internal Affairs, its Political Department, commanders, political workers and party organization must make necessary and serious evaluations. It is necessary for the political and educational work among sarandoy personnel to noticeably improve and they should be moved in the direction of enhancing combatant capability, (?personnel) morale,training of patriotic feelings, courage and bravery. It is required that further attention be paid to the consolidation of discipline, unity and military order in the units. Careful implementation of the rules must be secured. [applause]

Comrades, the PDPA Central Committee pays [words indistinct] attention to the issue of unity, discipline and order generally in the party, in all government organs, particularly in the armed forces.

In our heroic army, in the sarandoy and in our state information services [KHAD] [words indistinct], the level of discipline, order and unity in the units and companies must be improved. The standard for the evaluation of commander activity must be the combatant capability, high political spirit and the morale of the troops in relation with productivity to their life [as heard].

For the accomplishment of these important tasks, the political organs and sarandoy party organizations have a formidable duty [words indistinct].

Such a performance must be expected of them and thus every member of the party must set an example [of] loyalty to the values of the revolution, and be self-sacrificing in implementing revolutionary work. Full and candidate PDPA members ought to take their place in the frontline for performing all forms of work and should set examples of bravery, courage and manhood. Party organizations must have (?influence) in all aspects of the life and activities of the sarandoy. Commanders and heads of departments must rely always on the help and backing of the party organizations, should listen to their views in solving all relevant issues and must thoroughly consider their suggestions. Commanders and heads of sarandoy must act in accordance with administrative regulations and laws in connection with their relations with the provincial (?headquarters), governors, KHAD representatives, the army, and the party; refrain from arbitrariness, and act with them in complete harmony and cooperation. [applause]

Comrades, every possible measure must be taken in [words indistinct] and the ranks of the best soldiers, satanmans and officers who have proved and displayed their loyalty to the April Revolution must be expanded. Improvement and progress of the work of the political organs and sarandoy party organizations is only possible if they have strong links with the local party committees. It must be said that so far, such a strong link has not been established everywhere. This defect should be seriously and resolutely eliminated. Sarandoy party organizations must work in consensus with the provincial party committees and with the city district and subdistrict party committees. This is the demand and instruction of the Central Committee of our party, the PDPA. [applause]

The combat capability of the sarandoy can be enhanced only on the basis of improved and completed party work, political work and training activities, and strengthening links with local party and state organs. Comrades, this is one of your serious and very important tasks. For their successful accomplishment it is also necessary to employ measures to achieve solidarity between units and companies, to establish order and strong military discipline among them, to improve the combatreadiness of personnel, as well as the enhancement of the [words indistinct] of the command posts. We know that the sarandoy units and companies have considerably increased their combat capability this year in comparison to last year. This is a great achievement.

But comrades, let us assess the (?fruitfulness) of these military activities. It is obvious that they are not yet sufficient. The present conditions require further strengthening of the military activity of all the armed force, including sarandoy units and companies, against internal and external counterrevolutionaries. We are confident that the part played by our proud sarandoy will increase in their armed struggle against the enemies of the revolution.

The Ministry of Internal Affairs must pay great attention [words indistinct] the economy and the economic development of the country. At present a considerable number of industrial and agricultural establishmens are guarded by units of our sarandoy. The reliable protection of these large establishments increases their efficiency in their very fruitful work. Thus the sarandoy (?plays a role) in the economic development of Afghanistan. This major aspect of the activities of the Ministry of Interior must always be taken into serious consideration. Establishments at which Afghan-Soviet economic cooperation constitute the basis of our country's economy must be protected.

The party and government endeavor to implement land and water reform, which is one of the major achievements of the April Revolution. The majority of the population of our country are peasants. They must have land and water, and thus must feel the conditions of an improved life. The government of the people endeavors to take all measures so as to make it possible for the peasants to have a good life. Our enemies, by any means, want to prevent this great and humanitarian aspiration of ours. In some provinces the rebels, by engaging in terrorism and intimidation, were able to dissuade peasants from receiving land, and (?this could be proved).

Sarandoy must actively assist the party and state organs in their efforts to realize the land and water reform by reliably protecting the peasants. The participation of sarandoy in collective work with the toilers and army personnel, their participation in clearing canals and streams, clearing [words indistinct] hospitals and mosques, is of great importance. [applause] These measures (?accompanied by the activities) of the propaganda and publicity groups should make it possible to utilize them extensively in improving the life of the people and the development of the economy, culture and other national questions. This constitutes one of the most effective methods of realizing the decisions of the Ninth PDPA Central Committee Plenum, which underlined the important tasks of political work among the masses.

The sarandoy must defend the consolidation of popular state power in localities, provincial centers, districts and subdistricts. And they must maintain security at schools, hospitals and other establishments and (?assist in the work of organizational weeks). In particular, the active participation of sarandoy in the establishment of popular [word indistinct] in the villages is very important.

The sarandoy units are in the front line of struggle for (?maintaining) order. Preventing crimes, safeguarding the rights and freedoms of citizens, safeguarding their security and property, maintaining security of roads and highways and the movement of motor vehicles and so forth constitute the major and most important tasks and responsibilities of the sarandoy. Sarandoy are dutybound, parallel to their participation in the combat operations against counterrevolutionaries, to accomplish and improve these aspects of their duties. With the consolidation of state power by the people, these aspects gain further long-standing importance.

Sarandoy staff carry out their duties among the people, and the people judge the activity of the state, to a large extent, by the activities of the sarandoy. I would also like to point out that sarandoy staff must observe revolutionary legality in their work with no deviation. Good behavior, an endeavor to help their countrymen during turbulent moments, resolutely defending them against counterrevolutionary and criminal elements, are those factors which sarandoy personnel are dutybound to heroically accomplish with all their energy. Thus the sarandoy personnel will attract the respect and confidence of the toilers and will find among them reliable friends and comrades. [applause]

Dear comrades, respect and pride be upon our new sarandoy so they reach a peak of their evolution and thus attain great love in the hearts and conscience of every Afghan individual. [applause]

Dear comrades, the PDPA Central Committee Politburo is fully confident that our militant sarandoy will still further increase their professional skill and ideological and political maturity. They will increase their unity; will maintain steel-like unity throughout the sarandoy, and so, with awareness, they will everywhere defend the stand of their revolutionary state. [applause]

Dear comrades, I wish you all great successes; comrades, our victory is certain. [applause]

JOINT NFF-REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL STATEMENT

LD210746 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0422 GMT 21 Oct 82

[Text] Kabul, Oct 20, BAKHTAR -- Following is the full text of the joint declaration of the Central Council of the National Fatherland Front [NFF] of the DRA and the Revolutionary Council of the DRA, which was read by Bareq Shaf'i, the first vice-president of the Central Council of the NFF and member of the Revolutionary Council of the DRA, at the press conference held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for local and foreign journalists:

"Esteemed participants of the press conference:

"We have invited you today at this press conference in order to explain to you on behalf of the Revolutionary council of the DRA and the NFF some important aspects of the domestic and foreign policy of the DRA and the social and economic transformations carried out by people's power, the DRA and the state of the DRA regarding the questions related to the defence of the gains of April Revolution and the decisive struggle against the counter-revolution, as also to elaborate on the constant endeavour of the DRA for normalizing the situation around Afghanistan and to establish relations of good neighbourliness in the region.

It is a secret to nobody that after the victory of April Revolution in Afghanistan and [words indistinct] after the victory of its new evolutionary phase beginning 27th of Dec., 1979 real foundations were laid down for the practical materialization of the aspirations of the people of our country.

The national democratic April Revolution dealt a shattering blow to the tyrannical rule of feudal lords and bureaucrats who have kept our people for long successive years in a state of poverty, disease and illiteracy and who did not pay least attention to the improvement of the level of welfare of the people and guaranteeing of their rights. The April Revolution is the beginning of a new and major path which leads our people to genuine independence from the bondage of obsolete feudal and pre-feudal relations and towards a new culture, health, civility and progress.

Our revolution has brought for the working people of our country obvious and tangible results. We have established democratic legality in the country in the full sense of this word giving a real legal effect to this term signifying the rights and liberties of our people. An end was put to all kinds of injustice and inequality in the national relations, including racial discrimination and other illegalities which were exercised upon the people by the past rulers. The equality of man and woman took a legal shape. In the process democratisation of socio-economic life was begun and is continuing. Ever-stronger blows are being inflicted on the backwardness, offshoot of the feudal and pre-feudal relations. Evident and very positive results have been achieved as a result of the measures to combat illiteracy, expand (?adult) education, effect transformations in the system of learning and expanding the national culture of nationalities and tribes.

As a result of the revolution about 300 thousand peasant families who had little or no land received land free of cost and conditions were created for introducing new socio-economic (?relations) in the agrarian affairs in the interest of the (?working peasants).

An important gain of April Revolution is the improvement in the conditions of workers who are working in industries and elsewhere. Trade unions which have a membership of over [number indistinct] were established in the country and have now become stronger. The wages and [word indistinct] of the workers and contractual workers were considerably [word indistinct]. Social insurance schemes were established and the workers acquired a leading role in the industrial enterprises.

The great gain of revolution during its new and evolutionary phase has been the consolidation of the leading and organizing role of the PDPA in the society. The relations of our party with the broad masses of the peoples, which guarantee the successful accomplishment of the historical ta.'k of the party, are expanding and developing. The draft law of local organs of state and administrative power which was [words indistinct] and debate by the people, (?received) their extensive support. This law establishes necessary conditions for free elections of [word indistinct] assemblies in villages, towns and provinces, the participation of broad masses of the people in (?running) the state affairs in social, economic sphere. [Words indistinct] is the highest manifestation of democratic leadership, is comprehensive, serious and extensive.

The Armed Forces of the DRA have consolidated. A police which protects the interests of the people in the fight against the counter-revolution has [word indistinct]. In the ranks of the Democratic Organisation of the Youth of Afghanistan which mobilizes our prideful youth for the [word indistinct] of revolution has a membership of 90 thousand. (?Likewise, a women's movement) within [words indistinct] of 12 thousand has come into being and its activists are carrying out great work and [words indistinct] among the women.

Of course there are difficulties (?still) confronting [words indistinct]. Yet, the revolution continues. (?Afghan people) say if you have [word indistinct], you can [word indistinct] seeing the way to what fruits and [words indistinct] is the process (?revolutionary) transfer. If bringing to the people [words indistinct] and looking upon the considerable successes achieved in various spheres, that is, social, economic and political (?during) the past year (?is) the current year. We can say confidently that the new Afghanistan is marching ahead rightly and (?confidently) toward the construction of a blossoming and just society and toward ensuring a life of happiness and prosperity for all the working people of Afghanistan.

Of course, many victories could have been greater had there not been (?unleashed) [words indistinct] cruel and bloody war with the imperialist circles, had there not been the hostile efforts of reaction and imperialism headed by U.S. imperialism and the [words indistinct] of subversive activists and conspiracies [word indistinct], had there not been their hostile [word indistinct] if indirect intervention in the internal affairs of our own independent state coupled with their misleading lies as regards our revolution and had there not been the incessant [words indistinct] of armed bandits from (?bases) abroad who are trained by CIA and other (?such) organizations, these bloodsuckers, interventionists and highway robbers who abuse the [words indistinct] the great and glorious results of the revolution which liberated the heroic and capable people of Afghanistan from the clutches of feudalism would have been so great to defy imagination.

Moreover, the undeclared war which was unleashed against the people of Afghanistan is continuing. The U.S. imperialists and its NATO allies who are crying horse for the so-called defense of the people of Afghanistan and the so-called defence of Islam and are continuing their mean intervention in the [words indistinct] of our country are themselves a major cause of the tense situation around Afghanistan. An example of these brutal interventions in the independent state of the DRA by the Reagan's administration which in words proclaims support for peace and in action confronts the world with the danger of war and introduces tensions in the world's situation is the recent decision of the U.S. Congress for providing aid to Afghan miscreants and counter-revolutionaries.

Such inhuman initiatives and hostile plots are being resorted to by a state where the number of underemployed in the country exceeds the total population of Afghanistan, by a state which encourages the bloody Israel in the latter's unprecedented fascistic and misanthropic acts against the Moslem children, women and students, which organises the massacre of patriots in El Salvador and Chile, which conducts aggression against provocative machination, disrupts and unity of Islamic countries and arms China and Pakistan against their neighbours.

Can a real and true Moslem trust the honesty of these "well-wishers" from that side of the ocean? Can we name such people stained with the blood of their co-religionist brothers and sisters -- as being Moslem?

As an American senator announced a few days ago, U.S. Congress has not forgotten its share in respect of material aid to the forces opposed to the revolution and the people of Afghanistan.

Good God, Mr. Senator, it would have been better if you could just forget us.

One of the major and fundamental reasons for the intensification of hostile acts of counte revolution in the DRA is the constant dispatch of the bandit groups which are being trained and equipped in numerous camps and military centres in Pakistan and some other countries.

Let us see where this American money, signifying the concern and care of the United States for the people of Afghanistan is spent. According to the available data at present only in Pakistani territory there are about eighty camps and military centres for training Afghan miscreants. In these camps and centres up to eight thousand mercenaries undergo military training. The period of military training is up to five months. During the course of a year, these centres can train and prepare up to 20,000 bandits. At present a large number of armed bandits are entering the DRA.

The training of [words indistinct] in conducting by hired instructors who with the help of American money organize the bandit group . Definite figures can be cited in respect of the centres for training bandits which exist on the territory of Pakistan adjoining the border provinces of the DRA.

Particularly on Pakistani territory in the vicinity of Konarha Province of the DRA, twelve centres are operating.

Such centres also exist in Chitral and (Bajaur). According to reliable information, lessons on terrorism and manslaughter are given by the American instructors.

In Pakistan, near the Nangarhar Province of Afghanistan, there are fifteen centres. Among them the centres in Parachinar and (Satah) can be mentioned, where also Americans and West Germans are working.

The [words indistinct] for the making up of these bandit groups, including for enlisting the training centres, comprises Afghans who are taken to the camps by force or those who are outside the country for one reason or another. In these bands those men are collected and organized by force whose age is seventeen or over. Please pay attention: Where and for what purposes is the American money being spent? The money which the reactionary forces and international imperialism, prior to all, the United States of America, save for the counter-revolution, is also channelled for shortaging the national economy. We are going to mention only a few figures which indicate the activities of the so-called "freedom fighters."

In our country 230 lycees and intermediate schools and 1438 elementary schools have been destroyed by the counter-revolution. Some of the institutes of higher studies have been badly ruined and [word indistinct] health centres destroyed by [word indistinct]...the damage thus caused by only these acts amounts to Afl,128.2 million.

Please pay attention: They destroy the hospitals, schools and lycees and they commit these acts for the purpose of the so-called freedom as if with a view to ensure the welfare of the people of Afghanistan.

These are the consequences of the imperialists interventions aimed at fanning tensions in Asia. Such is the "concern" of Reagan's administration for the Afghans.

But the people of Afghanistan cannot be deceived. The people of Afghanistan decisively support the peoples' power. The number of those who identify the real nature and face of imperialism and reaction, those who lay their arms on the ground and return to their homeland, and those who join the ranks of the defending of the revolution are growing ever more.

For this consideration once again we declare in all explicitness that the revolution which took place on the 27th of April due to our people's will is bound to be victorious, and the people of Afghanistan cannot be detracted from the way they have chosen.

In this connection the main aim of our foreign policy in present day conditions is to ensure cessation of the foreign interferences in our internal affairs and establishment of necessary conditions for peaceful work for our dear and beloved fatherland. Our sacred duty is to create durable peace and tranquility...only for this purpose the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan has tried and is trying to present its initiatives towards the normalisation of the situation around Afghanistan and the establishment of good neighbourly relations with Pakistan and Iran for solving the present problems through negotiations.

The stand of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan has been put forward in a clear-cut and principled manner in the declaration of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan dated August 24, 1981.

The National Fatherland Front of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan supports this stand and earnestly assisting in the realisation of the policy line of the state.

In the context of international relations we rely on the principle of peaceful coexistence and principle of non-alignment which forms the basis of our foreign policy and in future too we will rely on it. Following this principle, the state of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan has for a year been demanding, through its proposals, its neighbours to attend bilateral or trilateral talks in this field with the participation of interested countries and international organizations in order to make way for the political solution of the situation created in our region.

Time has shown that our peace initiatives have been adequately flexible and realistic and form a basis for practical negotiations.

We point out with pleasure that a great number of countries, among them the Islamic countries, have understood, appreciated and commended the proposals of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan.

In achieving a positive advance towards the solution of relations among the countries of our region, the mission of the special envoy of the UN secretary general, Diego Cordovez, who visited our country, as well as Pakistan and had been in contact with the representatives of Iran is very important. His activity helped in the understanding among the states as well as in organizing talks between Afghanistan and Pakistan in Geneva.

The Geneva talks showed that it is possible to reach bilateral or mutual agreement on the solution of political issues. We are convinced that the talks and negotiations which began in Geneva will continue and will bring positive results for the participants from both the sides.

We firmly believe that had there not been the intervention of America and international reaction and had they not used the so-called Afghanistan issue wrongly for deceiving the international social circles, all the difficulties and differences in views which existed among the countries of the region, could have been solved sooner and more successfully.

To this end we deemed it necessary and deem it necessary that the major result and the basic aim of an all sided political solution should be a real and confident guarantee of the cessation of armed and unarmed interferences from abroad in the internal affairs of Afghanistan and the prevention of the creation of conditions for such interferences in the future.

Whenever the aggressive acts presently taking place from the territory of the neighbouring countries, prior to all from the territory of Pakistan, against the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan cease, and we obtain the necessary international guarantees that such acts will not be renewed in the future, then we will be able to discuss, as we have repeatedly announced, with the Government of the Soviet Union the question of withdrawal of the limited contingents of the Soviet Army from the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan. The question of discussing the presence and return of the limited contingents of the Soviet Army from our country is only within the authority of our two countries, and can be discussed only when the danger to the national sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of the DRA, namely what has caused us to invite the limited contingents of the Soviet Army to Afghanistan, is removed.

The Soviet peace initiatives for the prevention of nuclear arms race and the improvement of relations among the countries including the relations of the countries in our region, has won extensive support.

We are convinced that our specific efforts together with the pressures of all the peaceful international forums will achieve positive results and will help remove tensions on the globe for the good of the peoples of the world.

Esteemed participants of the press conference, esteemed journalists, we are hopeful of your objectivity and realism and are confident that you will convey the text of our declaration to the hearing of the broad gatherings of the world.

While you fulfill your noble journalistic duty, the world peoples should know that the Democratic Afghanistan will not detract from the way it has chosen. The April Revolution will be victorious and the imperialists will not succeed to disrupt the building of our new life.

BRIEFS

DELEGATION TO NAIROBI CONFERENCE -- Kabul, Oct 18, BAKHTAR -- An Afghan delegation headed by Mohammad Aslam Watanjar, member of the Politburo of PDPA CC and minister of communications (?of the DRA, left here) for Nairobi today. The delegation will participate in the general session of the International Federation of Communications to be convened in Kenya. [Text] [Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0506 GMT 19 Oct 82 LD]

IRRIGATION EQUIPMENT FROM USSR -- Kabul, Oct. 19 BAKHTAR -- An agreement on the provision and purchasing of construction and transport equipments and repair parts was concluded between the Ministry of Irrigation and commercial counsellor of the Soviet Embassy in Kabul here today. Under this agreement, construction equipments for the establishment of irrigation structures, and equipments for the repairing of the means of transport worth eight million dollars will be put at the disposal of the Ministry of Irrigation of the DRA by the Soviet side. With the arrival of these tools and equipment considerable improvements will be brought about in the construction works, repair, revival and completion of the irrigation project and in the just distribution of water in the interest of peasants of the country. [Text] [Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0427 GMT 20 Oct 82 LD]

KABUL FUEL SUPPLIES -- Kabul, Oct. 19 BAKHTAR -- The Executive Committee of the Council of Ministers of the DRA which met here yesterday has given specific orders to the concerned ministries of the DRA to provide enough fuel to the citizens of Kabul. Under this instruction, the distribution of charcoal, liquid gas and firewood will be undertaken through the concerned offices of the Ministries of Mine and Industries, and Commerce and Kabul municipality respectively. The Kabul municipality will start from tomorrow selling firewood with a quota of 350 kilos per family. The price will be 30 afghans per 7 kilos. The price differential of firewood will be subsidized by the Government of the DRA. The liquid gas will also be imported shortly from the Soviet Union. [Text] [Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0418 GMT 20 Oct 82 LD]

SRI LANKA

JAYEWARDENE WINS 'CLEAR VICTORY' IN ELECTION

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[Text] President Jayewardene won a clear victory in the first presidential election to be held in Sri Lanka and was reelected for a new 6-year term. Here are the final results announced this evening by Commissioner of Election Chandrananda de Silva:

J.R. Jayewardene, United National Party: 3,450,811 votes
Hector Kobbekaduwa, Sri Lanka Freedom Party: 2,548,438 votes
Rohana Wijeweera, Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna: 223,428 votes
G. G. Ponnambalam, All-Ceylon Tamil Congress: 173, 934 votes
Dr Colvin R. de Silva, Lanka Sama Samaja Party: 58,532 votes
Vasudeva Nanayakkara, Nava Sama Samaja Party: 17, 005 votes.

Except in the Jaffna District, in all other districts Jayewardene obtained a clear lead easily outdistancing the other candidates. Jayewardene obtained the highest majority in the Colombo District -- namely, 159,814 votes.

Of the total of 6,522,147 valid votes cast, President Jayewardene polled more than 199,738 votes in excess of 50 percent. His total amounts to 52.9 percent of the total valid votes polled. Jayewardene polled 902,373 votes more than his nearest rival, Hector Kobbekaduwa of the Sri Lanka Freedom Party.

POLICE URGED TO STEP UP SECURITY PATROLS

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[Text] Inspector General of Police Rudra Rajasingham has instructed all divisional superintendents of police to intensify security patrols in areas coming under their jurisdiction. He has called on them to deal firmly with all mischiefmakers and those who incite violence.

DEFENSE MINISTRY MONITORS FOREIGN-BASED GROUPS

BK171438 Colombo WEEKEND in English 10 Oct 82 p 1, 19

[By Ranil Weerasinghe]

[Text] Moves by several local and foreign-based separatist organisations to set up an interim provisional government of Tamil Eelam in a "friendly country" are being closely monitored by the Defence Ministry.

Despite the resolution for the setting up of a government-in-exile being rejected at the world Tamil Eelam convention in New York in July, it has now been taken up by several organisations previously responsible for the abortive unilateral declaration of independence on January 14.

The groups agitating for the setting up of this provisional government held a meeting in Paris and have also solicited the support of several organisations in the United States, Canada, West Germany and India.

Defence Ministry investigations have been launched to determine whether these organisations are being supported by several leftist political movements which earlier supported their campaign for the release of political prisoners in Sri Lanka.

Kovi Mahesan, editor of Suthanthiran and member of the Tamil Eelam Liberation Front(TELF), told 'WEEKEND' that the final draft for the setting up of this interim provisional government was virtually finalised and it would be set up within the next six months.

The liberation council to which this resolution had been submitted was nominated at the New York convention by TULF [Tamil United Liberation Front] and seconded by the TELF, he added.

A spokesman for the TULF however told 'WEEKEND' that although the TULF had in fact nominated Dr Panchacharam (New York), Dr Jegathesan (Connecticut), Dr S. Wijayanandan (Connecticut), Edward Benedict (New York) and T. Sridaran (Boston), they had opposed the co-opting Dr K. Navaratnam (U.K.), Mrs Patham Perimpernaiyagam and Krishna Vaikunthavasam.

The resolution itself, he pointed out, had not been carried and subsequently deleted.

One of the prime movers in this fresh attempt by foreign based separatist organisations is Krishna Vaikunthavasam, the UN imposter whose earlier call for UDI [unilateral declaration of independence] had been rejected by the TULF as being premature and later labelled as ineffective. His inclusion in the liberation council set up at the convention had been opposed by the TULF, the spokesman added.

The London based Eelam activists in a press release to all Eelam organisations throughout the world, state that most of the 170 delegates at the convention who voted for the setting up of the new council considered that the TULF was fast becoming a real front to cover up antiliberation negotiations with the Sri Lankan Government thereby underming and defecting the people's will and determination.

"Throughout the entire two-day proceedings both Messrs Amirthalingham and Sivasithamparam were on their defensive and reminding the convention of their 30 years services and their sacrifices," it adds.

It was pointed out that their length of service and their kind of sacrifices were not the current issues before the Tamil people. The two leaders did not care to meet the number of young men who had sacrificed their lives for the Tamil cause, the statement adds. They were only obsessed with their own comparatively minor sacrifices -- if indeed they could be called so because of the obvious rewards they enjoy, it said.

"This resolution is for the setting up of the provisional government of Tamil Eelam within one year" the statement reveals.

"The argument is: If you are for Tamil Eelam, then naturally you are for a Tamil Eelam government -- the sooner a provisional government is formed, sooner the world will realise that we are serious about our demand for Tamil Eelam. This move has become vital in the context of the TULF's subtle strategy of misleading the Tamils away from their declared goal of Tamil Eelam," the release adds.

MUSAVI SUPPORTS RAFSANJANI'S IAEA OFFER

LD211000 Tehran IRNA in English 0910 GMT 21 Oct 82

[Text] Tehran, Oct 20, IRNA -- Prime Minister Musavi said today that the government supported Speaker Rafsanjani's offer to give financial support to the International Atomic Energy Agency following threats by the U.S. that it would withdraw its support from the IAEA if the latter went ahead with its suspension of the membership of the Zionist regime.

Speaking after today's Cabinet meeting, Musavi told IRNA that the financial support of the U.S. to the IAEA was not very significant and that the Islamic Republic by itself could finance this support. "The U.S. should know that the time when it could rule in the world with money and force, has come to an end," he said.

Speaker Rafsanjani made the offer two days ago during a meeting with a delegation from the People's Democratic Republic of Korea and his remarks were backed by a letter signed by a number of Majlis representatives yesterday.

Also the Islamic Republic increased its financial share five times in the International Telecommunications Union in order to compensate the U.S. contribution which it has threatened to suspend if in case the Zionist regime was expelled from this organisation.

Concerning the progress made during the three day visit of a delegation from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), the prime minister said that the meetings held between the two countries included talks concerning Iran's policy of "neither East nor West" and its opposition to the presence of the U.S. in the region and the interference of the superpowers in the affairs of the deprived nations of the world.

Musavi said that in economic talks with the DPRK officials, the two countries agreed to expand their relations and it was decided that the DPRK would send an economic delegation to the Islamic Republic within the next two weeks in order to continue the talks.

Also on the current visit of the Turkish foreign minister, Ilter Turkmen, he said that the position of the Islamic Republic concerning the Iraqi imposed war was explained and "we said that our forces were ready to inflict crushing blows on Saddam's regime until our complete rights were realised."

Other issues discussed, Musavi said, were the situation in the region and the view points of the Islamic Republic on peace and security in the Persian Gulf and the Indian Ocean while expressing that this region should be kept free of the influence of the superpowers.

TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER DEPARTS 21 OCTOBER

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[Text] Tehran, Oct 21 (IRNA) -- Turkish foreign minister, Ilter Turkmen, left Tehran this morning after a two-day visit and talks with high ranking Iranian officials.

Speaking to reporters at the airport prior to his departure, Turkmen said that his talks with officials of the Islamic Republic of Iran were highly productive for the expansion of relations between the two neighbouring countries.

The Turkish delegation was seen off at Tehran's Mehabad International Airport by Iranian foreign minister, Ali Akbar Velayati. Velayati told reporters that the Turkish delegation visited Iran on the invitation of the Iranian Foreign Ministry to hold talks on subjects of mutual interests including expansion of political, economic and trade relations.

When asked whether a peace settlement on the Iraqi imposed war was also discussed, Velayati said, although the subject was not the main issue of discussion, the Turkish foreign minister hoped that the war would end soon. "While stressing conditions put forward by Iran for ending the war, we said that the Islamic Republic of Iran had not started the war, rather the war was imposed upon us. We will continue our struggle until materialisation of our rights," Velayati added.

During the visit of the Turkish delegation, Velayati added, relations between Iran and Turkey were evaluated and both sides were satisfied with the progress made in this respect.

Under trade agreements signed between the two countries, Iran supplied Turkey with oil in exchange for certain goods. While the Turkish delegation was in Iran, the air transport agreement between the two countries was renewed.

During the visit which is the fifth of the Turkish foreign minister since the victory of the Islamic revolution of Iran, international issues including the Zionist aggression against Lebanon and issue of Afghanistan were also discussed.

SUPREME DEFENSE COUNCIL MEETS 21 OCTOBER

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[Text] The Supreme Defense Council met last night under its chairman, President Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i. The council discussed the latest battlefront developments and the results of the Muslim ibn 'Aqil operations.

In a statement on the results of the Muslim ibn 'Aqil operations, Hashemi-Rafsanjani, the imam's representative on the Supreme Defense Council, said: In these operations, we have regained the heights we believe are necessary for our coming operations. Our heroic forces succeeded in widely dispersing Saddam's forces and it is now difficult for them to defend themselves. He said 4,000 Saddamist forces were killed, wounded or captured in these operations. He said that in the Muslim ibn 'Aqil operations, Saddam's army lost 79 tanks and troop carriers, including several T-72 tanks, 20 vehicles, 3 bulldozers, 2 katyusha launchers, and type-55 antitank guns and 8 ammunition dumps.

The imam's representative added: In these operations, our Islamic forces seized 6 tanks, including 1 T-72 tank, 6 troop carriers, 1 complex radar apparatus, 2 artillery monitors, 11 guns, 4 heavy 106-mm rifles, 3 (mablan) missiles and many 60-mm and 82-mm weapons.

Hashemi-Rafsanjani added: Other losses sustained by Saddam's army include the destruction of 80 percent of the 421st Brigade of the 12th Division, three battalions of the 14th Brigade of the 9th Division, 70 percent of two battalions of the 418th Brigade, the 1st and 2d Battalions of the 19th Brigade of the 7th Division, three command battalions of the 7th Brigade and 70 percent of the 155th Regiment of the 3d Brigade.

Referring to the UN resolution on an immediate end to the Iraqi war imposed on the Islamic Republic of Iran, the imam's representative expressed his regret at the United Nations falling in the hands of the world's aggressors. He said: Instead of exerting pressure on us such measures will increase our determination and resistance.

Referring to the claim by the representative of the Zionist entity on the sale of arms to Iran, Hashemi-Rafsanjani said: If there is any country firmly and strongly opposing the United States, that country is the Islamic Republic of Iran. He asked: How can our country, which strongly opposes the United States and the Zionist entity and is hostile to them, buy arms from the Zionists?

ARMED FORCES JOINT STAFF COMMUNIQUE NO 1,056

LD211752 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 21 Oct 82

[Communique No 1,056 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. The Iranian Muslim combatants are continuing their destiny-making battle for their holy ideals, which stem from the teachings of Islam and the Koran, until the complete destruction of the aggressive Saddamist mercenaries.

In the course of a series of combat operations carried out in the western part of the country, our forces, opening artillery fire on the Banmil oil installations in Iraq, inflicted heavy losses on their installations.

In the (Samwapay) region, a group of combatants of Islam penetrated the enemy positions and in an engagement destroyed an ammunition dump of the Saddamist forces.

Exchanges of heavy arms fire continued in the Paveh area. The fire of our artillery units destroyed two slit trenches of the Iraqi soldiers and silenced their artillery fire.

In the southern operational zone, exchanges of heavy weapon fire continued on all fronts. The forces of Islam, enjoying superior firepower, disrupted with their artillery fire the enemy's construction activities, which consisted of building fortifications and preparing minefields, and stopped the movements of Iraqi vehicles on the Al-Faw-Basrah road.

The fire of our combative units based on the banks of the Arvand Rud destroyed one ammunition dump, several slit trenches and foxholes and one construction vehicle situated on the other side of the waterway.

The long-range and heavy fire of Saddam's army yesterday destroyed several stores and houses in Abadan and set fire to some parts of the city, injuring one of our compatriots.

In the course of the operations carried out on 19 October, 13 combatants of Islam achieved the lofty honor of martyrdom on the battlefronts. May their souls rest in peace.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

OPERATIONS ON SOUTHERN FRONTS DESCRIBED

GF211820 Tehran IRNA in English 1625 GMT 21 Oct 82

[Text] Abadan, Oct 21 IRNA -- The Chahar Cheragh pier of Iraq, beyond the Arvand River, was smashed by the artillery fire of the Islamic combatants on Thursday.

Reports reaching here from the southern fronts of Kushk, Shalamcheh and the Ramadan theatre said exchanges of artillery fire continued between the two sides with the Islamic defenders holding the upper hand during this same time.

In these operations, the Iranian troops killed or wounded 40 Iraqi Ba'thist soldiers and destroyed three calibre 75 machine guns, 10 trenches, one 82 mm mortar launcher, two logistical points, one communication mast, one crane and one mechanical spade beyond the Arvand River.

Also, the heavy artillery fire of the Islamic forces halted all movements of the Iraqi troops in the said regions.

In one of the southern fronts, the enemy forces, who were afraid of Iranian attack, fired 7,133 flares Wednesday night.

In another development during the past 24 hours, three Iraqi helicopter gunships, intending to fire rockets upon the Islamic troops' positions on one of the southern fronts, were immediately repulsed, without carrying out any mission, by the fire of the Iranians.

MINISTRY PROTESTS POW DEATHS, INJURIES IN IRAQ

LD211946 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 21 Oct 82

[Text] The Central News Unit reports that a Foreign Ministry spokesman has announced: During a meeting with the permanent representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran at the UN office in Geneva, the International Red Cross representative, while expressing deep regret, handed over a memorandum which said two Iranian POW's have been martyred in Iraqi prisons and another 12 have been wounded. During this meeting, the International Red Cross representative also added that the International Red Cross officially is carrying out investigations on this issue.

In this connection, our Foreign Ministry spokesman said: The martyrdom of two sons of the Islamic nation in prisons of the Zionist, Ba'thist Iraqi regime and the wounding of several Iranian POW's is not an issue that can be dismissed with a mere expression of regret. It is high time this tragedy aroused all freedom-seekers throughout the world and roused the slumbering consciences of the so-called supporters of human rights as to how the bloodthirsty Baghdad regime has assaulted, wounded and martyred POW's while blatantly violating international regulations. It is the duty of the International Red Cross to question and condemn the Iraqi Government on this horrible crime and thus clarify the fate of 12 wounded and other Iranian POW's as soon as possible.

The Foreign Ministry spokesman noted: The hireling Iraqi regime informed the International Red Cross more than 2 months after this crime, whereas in accordance with Article 121 of the Geneva Convention on POW's such incidents should be reported immediately.

COMMUNIQUE ON PURGE OF 'COUNTERREVOLUTIONARIES'

LD211734 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 21 Oct 82

[Communique issued by the Hamzeh Seyyed ash-Shohada Headquarters on joint operations by the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps]

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Saluting all the selfless martyrs of the Islamic revolution and greeting the Islamic combatants on all battle-fronts of right against wrong, we want to acquaint our revolutionary, martyr-nurturing Islamic nation with some of the operations conducted by the monotheistic troops in their confrontation with the domestic agents of world arrogance.

During operations carried out on the Piranshahr-Sar Dasht axis yesterday the Islamic combatants mopped up six hamlets, annihilating more than 70 counterrevolutionary elements, including a ringleader of the desperadoes. During these operations, large quantities of arms and explosives were captured by the forces of Islam. During the same day, the defenders of the Islamic revolution mopped up and captured two hamlets, which were the assembly points of the outlaws subservient to the arch satan, the criminal United States, together with the Qalat heights along the Niando'ab-Mahabad-Bukan axis. During these operations, more than 20 counterrvolutionary elements were killed and several were wounded. One vehicle of the outlaws also was destroyed and quantities of ammunition and several radios were captured by the Islamic combatants.

COMMANDER VIEWS OPERATIONS IN KORDESTAN

LD?1i326 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 21 Oct 82

[Text] Our correspondents covering the victorious campaign to purge the country's western regions of the filthy presence of the mercenaries of world arrogance has been granted an interview by the Hamzeh headquarters commander. We draw your attention to what he said:

[Begin recording] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Greetings to the imam of the umma' and to the martyr-nurturing umma'. Together with the advance on Karbala' and An-Najaf, it has been decided that now that Saddam the 'Aflaqist is approaching the last days of his life, we can deal -- God willing -- fatal blows at internal counter-revelotuion that (?is cooperating with) Saddam in the Kurdish-inhabited (?areas).

Thank God, the setting up of the central Hamzeh Seyyed as-Shohada -- peace be upon him -- has been a turning point for solving the problems in the Kurdish-inhabited areas. With the setting up of this headquarters and the increased awareness of the oppressed Muslim Kurdish people, the main command centers of counterrevolutionaries in the region (?have been subjected to) extensive attacks by the combatants of Islam, namely, the brother guards, the armed forces and the gendarmerie. The extent of the operations is such that it has reduced counterrevolutionary (?activities) to a minimum. We are now confronting counterrevolutionaries on all axes, especially on the Piranshahr-Sar Desht axis which had great strategic importance for the counterrevolutionaries. On that axis, [words indistinct] the Alwatan forest, which had a role similar to that of Khorramshahr for Sadd-m, is now free of counterrevolutionary control. The Alwatan forest was where supplies for the counterrevolutionaries were received (?via the Iraqi border). Now, with the capture of that forest by the powerful combatants of Islam, that counter-revolutionary supply route via the Iraqi border has been closed. The counterrevolution-aries never imagined that we could one day capture that forest. Thank God, with the capture of the Alwatan forest, we can now say that the (?existence) of counterrevolution in the area has (?ceased).

Together with the Piranshahr-Sar Dasht axis operations -- about 50 km of which have been captured and of which less than 35 km still remain uncaptured -- we have extensive plans for crushing counterervolution on all axes: In Mahabad, Naqadeh, Miando'ab, Sanandaj, Saqqez and all other places where we confront counterrevolution.

Together with the Piranshahr-Sar Dasht axis operations -- about 50 km of which have been captured and of which less than 35 km counterrevolution on all axes: In Mahabad, Naqadeh, Miando'ab, Sanandaj, Saqqez and all other places where we confront counter-revolution.

The counterrevolution has reached the end of its tether. There is a great deal of unrest inside their organization. Recent events prove that -- thank God -- the counterrevolution does not have any popular base in the region. We consider this victory to be a good omen and congratulate our oppressed and the Muslim Kurdish people. We hope that with God's help, we will be able to accept their [word indistinct] to the Hamzeh Seyyed as-Shohada. God willing, we intend to continue development activities by the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran as extensively as possible, as soon as we have completely wiped out counterrevolution in the region. With the formation of the Hamzeh Seyyed as-Shohada division, comprising our great Muslim Kurdish brothers, we hope to create the conditions for the deprived and oppressed people of Kordestan to participate in the war to liberate dear Jerusalem. We hope we all together can hold unity prayers in Jerusalem, that prime mecca of the Muslims.

The point which should be made is that counterrevolution clearly has reached the end of the line and that our combatants so far have acted with utmost calm and control. We hope that with the implementation of the operations we have planned, we will completely wipe out counterrevolution in the region -- God Almight [end recording]

'HYPOCRITES' ORGANIZATION MEMBERS ARRESTED

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[Excerpt] The Central News Unit reports that the Public Relations Office of the Central Staff Headquarters of the Islamic Revolution Committee has announced, in a statement connected with the discovery of several safe dens of corruption and the arrest of a number of counterrevolutionaries, that: Following round-the-clock efforts by our selfless brothers from the Islamic revolution committees, with the collaboration of the 36-million-strong intelligence organization and persistent efforts by our brothers from the Islamic revolution committees in Mashhad and (Raja'ishahr), the guards succeeded in occupying several safe dens of corruption. These operations, conducted under the codename of Martyr Hashemi-Nezhad, culminated in the arrest of more than 35 top cadres and active members of the U.S.-backed monafeqin [hypocrites organization] and Ashraf Dehqani [founder of the Cherikha-ye Fada'ye Khalq organization, who was killed during the shah's regime] minigroups.

In the course of the discovery of these safe dens and the arrest of the active members of these antipopular minigroups, appreciable quantities of arms and ammunition, duplication and recording equipment and important interorganization documents and evidence were seized and the veil was lifted from a number of operations carried out by these nonuniformed Saddamist soldiers.

SCIENTISTS PLAN NUCLEAR POWERPLANT CONSTRUCTION

GF171748 Tehran IRNA in English 1550 GMT 17 Oct 82

[Text] Tehran, Oct 17, IRNA -- Iranian nuclear scientists are currently working on a long-term plan for the construction of a nuclear powerplant.

In a report published in this week's special edition of "SORUS" magazine, it was said that scientists were working at the (?nuclear technology centre) in Esfahan (?and) the first phase of the plan will cover research work which will be completed in two years time for which the necessary budget and equipment had been provided by the government. According to the report, the second phase of the plan will include the construction of a test nuclear reactor which will pave the way for the third phase of the plan for the construction of the powerplant.

The head of the technology centre, Dr. Sa'idi said that Iran will also work on the plan for the provision of uranium through its own resources in the country. He said that during the shah's regime the technology centre was being constructed by a French company at a cost of 300 billion rials and added that with the culmination of the Islamic revolution, the company had been expropriated.

NVOI COMMENTARY CRITICIZES ANTI-SOVIETISM

TA192046 (Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran 1730 GMT 19 Oct 82

[Unattributed commentary: "Outcome of Anti-Sovietism Is To Roll Into Lap of America"]

[Excerpts] Dear compatriots: After the failure of the plots by the compromising liberals, such as Bani-Sadr, Yazdi and Qotbzadeh, aimed at rapprochement with the West and consequently with world-devouring America, now our homeland's people are witnessing the endeavor by the trend opposed to the imam's line that is striving to bring back America through the window by intensifying the anti-Soviet trend. This unpleasant trend, which is being exacerbated by some of the authorities and newspapers, is consistent with America's wish and the famous recommendation by the Zionist Brzezinski, who at one time had ordered his agents to do something so that revolutionary and emancipated Iran would be deprived of the support of its true friends in Iran and on the international scene.

The undeniable fact is that U.S. imperialism takes a hostile stand toward revolutionary Iran and, during all the period following the revolution's victory, it did not refrain from any plot, provocation or aggression against our liberated homeland. Everyone is aware of Brzezinski's guideline, as initiated by former U.S. President Carter, to the then U.S. secretary of state about Iran. This guideline is valid even now and it is appropriate that we cite it again.

As we can see in this guideline, the leaders of the U.S. Administration attached and still do attach special importance to straining revolutionary Iran's relations with its next door neighbor, the Soviet Union. At one time,the liberals, the Bani-Sadrs, the Amir-Entezams, the Yazdis and the Qotbzadehs exerted enormous efforts to implement this satanic aim of their American masters. The Iranian people condemned these futile attempts and expelled those who implemented them. Unfortunately, however, we are witnessing specific groups coming forward and exerting efforts toward this end, namely, toward fulfilling America's satanic plan. The anti-Soviet trend being aggravated in our country today is, in fact, an attempt to implement America's wish and desire.

America is steadfast in its enmity toward revolutionary Iran and all its efforts were and are aimed at straining Iran's relations with the Soviet Union by all possible means and through U.S. elements who have changed color, at separating Iran from its real allies on the international scene and in the struggle against imperialism, and then at implementing its satanic plans against the Islamic Republic.

Recently, quoting the U.S. State Department, TIME magazine wrote: Government analysts believe that although the wounds stemming from U.S. support for the shah and the issue of the hostages have still not healed, Washington, to prevent Iran's further dependence on the Soviet Union must leave open its channels of influence. In addition to this, the United States wants to leave open all options of reconciliation with Tehran during the post-Khomeyni period.

Yes, the great satan has left open its channels of influence in Iran so that, according to TIME magazine, it will some day have the option of reconciliation with Tehran. To impose its domination once more over Iran, world-devouring America considers the straining of Iran's relations with the Soviet Union a most important issue and is exerting all efforts toward this end. The U.S. imperialists are well aware that our country's friendship with the Soviet Union, which in the most difficult times rose in support of the revolutionary struggles of the Iranian people, is a determining factor in thwarting the efforts of imperialism headed by world-devouring America.

Senator Jackson says openly that the main issue in the Persian Gulf -- of course from America's viewpoint -- is that Iran does not seek friendship with the Soviet Union. It is not without reason that mysterious hands and the masked faces of U.S. elements also spare no effort, in accordance with this statement by Senator Jackson and Brzezinski's famous guideline, to strain Iran's ties with the Soviet Union. The historical fact is that those who wittingly or unwittingly are engaged in anti-Sovietism, thus pulling from under the walls the cornerstone of friendship with the Soviet Union, are willingly placing themselves in the service of America and are treading a path that had been taken by the Qotbzadehs.

NVOI URGES NEGOTIATIONS WITH AFGHANISTAN

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[Excerpts] The demand for the expulsion of the fugitive counterrevolutionary Afghans recently has been heard more and more in our homeland.

Our homeland's people are coming to the realization that the revolutionary process in Afghanistan is irreversible, that any attempt to interfere in the internal affairs of our brother country Afghanistan is futile and useless and that the presence of a limited number of Soviet military forces in Afghanistan poses no danger whatsoever to our homeland, for the Soviet Union does not intend to occupy others' land. It is only carrying out its human duty arising from the bilateral agreement between Afghanistan and the Soviet Union.

In fact, only the foes of the Afghan revolution and nation are preventing construction of a new life in Afghanistan. Some people in our homeland are afraid that fundamental changes in Afghanistan, as a vivid example, will attract the attention of our homeland's toilers who more than ever and incessantly are demanding the fulfillment of all those slogans that the imam of the nation proclaimed at the outset of the revolution.

True and revolutionary forces in our homeland are demanding that the situation in Afghanistan be settled by diplomatic means. In fact, the possibility for such a settlement exists. It is represented in the specific proposals by the Afghan Government. It only requires that armed aggression from abroad against Afghanistan be terminated and that no interference be made in its internal affairs.

In connection with the presence of limited Soviet forces in Afghanistan, the leaders of this country repeatedly have pointed out that this problem concerns relations between the two governments and countries. As Babrak Karmal has said: As long as Afghanistan does not receive international guarantees with respect to the cessation of any intervention, aggression and plots from abroad, these forces will remain in Afghanistan.

As we know, talks are in progress in Geneva between the Afghan and Pakistani Governments through the representative of the United Nations. Political observers assess this development as a positive step. It is appropriate that our homeland's realistic officials think realistically, divorced of intimations and mental prejudice, in connection with direct talks with Kabul. Only by this means can problems connected to the peace and stability of the region be resolved.

BRIEFS

AGRICULTURAL OFFICIALS IN MOSCOW -- Tehran, Oct 17, IRNA -- A group of four Iranian officials of the Agriculture and Rural Development Ministry, led by the head of the plant preservation organization, Arjomandi, departed for Moscow this morning. The delegation is to participate in the 32nd joint conference between the Islamic Republic and the Soviet Union on plant preservation and quarantine. [Text] [Tehran IRNA in English 1612 GMT 17 Oct 82 GF]

IRNA OFFICE IN TOKYO -- Tokyo, Oct 16 (IRNA) -- The 18th branch of the Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) abroad was opened here on Saturday in the presence of IRNA's Managing Director Dr Kamal Khaprazi, International Department Director Dr Fathollah Farhadi and Mr Rahbar the local correspondent of the news agency, in Tokyo. [Excerpt] [Tehran IRNA in English 0933 GMT 16 Oct 82 LD]

TRADE CONTRACT WITH GDR -- Tehran, Oct 13, IRNA -- The Tavanir Company of the Iranian Ministry of Energy and a company from the German Democratic Republic signed a barter trade contract today for the purchase of two 230.63 kilowatt plants worth more than 1.790 billion rials. The plants would be set up in Esfahan and Fars Provinces by Iranian experts. [Text] [Tehran IRNA English 1600 GMT 13 Oct 82 GF]